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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRESS ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. IN CONTRAST TO PRESS REPORTS OF NEWS COVERAGE IN OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTS OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT FORD IN SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN OBJECTIVE, NOT POLEMICAL IN TONE. POLITIKA (GUSTINCIC) AND BORBA ARTICLES DO NOT TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO BRAND U.S. AS "SICK SOCIETY", IN WHICH POLITICAL MURDERS ARE EXPECTABLE. INSTEAD IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT RECENT EVENTS RESULTED FROM ACTIONS OF MENTALLY UNSTABLE PERSONS NOT AT ALL TYPICAL OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, AND THAT AMERICANS ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED. SOME JABS ARE TAKEN AT U.S.: BORBA ARTICLE DISCUSSES GUN CONTROL PROBLEM AND GUSTINCIC WONDERS OPENLY HOW AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CAN BE SO LAX AS TO ALLOW POTENTIAL ASSASSINS WITH GUNS TO RUN FREE.  
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